

# THE PARISH CHURCH OF ROTTINGDEAN ST MARGARET OF ANTIOCH

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## 'THE LOOKOUT' SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018 THE EPIPHANY



*The Three Wise Men approach the Virgin and Child - Church of Sant Apollinare Nuovo, Ravenna  
Many thanks to Peter Hewetson-Brown for the photograph and for sponsoring this week's Lookout*

### HYMNS THIS MORNING

|                |           |
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| Entrance       | 78        |
| Gradual        | 427       |
| Offertory      | 626       |
| Communion      | 393 & 716 |
| Post-communion | 709       |

### BEFORE THE PARISH EUCHARIST

Quiet, please, from 0955 (a bell will be rung)

*"Talk to God before the service, and to one another afterwards"*

## **The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Epiphany**

O God, who by the leading of a star  
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:  
mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith,  
may at last behold your glory face to face;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Reading from the Old Testament – Isaiah 60:1-6**

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

## **The Gospel Reading – Matthew 2:1-12**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel." '

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

## **Prayers of Intercession**

**The sick and those who care for them:** Jan Francis, Jill Crossland, Mick Hughes, Peter Leigh, Irene Skinner, Dudley Tee, Rupert Webb, Deirdre West, Beryl, Lily Windham, Brian West, Tim Juniper, Andy Chapman, Lisa, Judith Sweet-Escott, Katy Ross, Glenn Moon, Margaret Connery, Rachel, Gill, Margaret Montagu, Geoffrey Redfern, Terry Murnane (priest), Pippa, Tracy, Mollie Davidson, Margaret Yellop, Brian Parsons, Don, Helen, Margaret, Josephine, Valerie Grant, Arthur Collins

**The recently departed:** Edward Bell

**Anniversaries of death this week:** Arthur Montagu (9<sup>th</sup>); Victoria Whatley (9<sup>th</sup>); John Rowe (10<sup>th</sup>); Joan Yellop (12<sup>th</sup>); Phyllis Whitehill (12<sup>th</sup>); Deborah Mitten (13<sup>th</sup>); Gertrude Brown (13<sup>th</sup>); Gwen Cuddeford (13<sup>th</sup>)

## **Post-communion Prayer**

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek:  
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light  
discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS (EPIPHANY 2)**

1 Samuel 3:1-10; John 1:43-51

*(Related readings: Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20)*

## **Children's Church**

The next four sessions will be on:

14<sup>th</sup> January (Epiphany 2)                      28<sup>th</sup> January (Candlemas)  
11<sup>th</sup> March (Mothering Sunday)    25<sup>th</sup> March (Palm Sunday)

Children and young people are, of course, welcome at all our services, together with their parents or guardians. We continue to look for more helpers to run the sessions. If you might be interested, please have a word with Fr Anthony.

## **Hurry for curry!**

Please do sign up for the curry evening on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 1830 for 1900 in St Margaret's Cottage. There are 36 places for a 3-course curry supper, the cost of which is £15. See the notice in the porch or have a word with Joyce Bourne.

## **Service of Christian Unity**

Please do make a special effort to join with the Deans Group parishes and our ecumenical friends for a service of Christian Unity on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 1800 at The Holy Cross, Woodingdean.

## **Whitehawk Foodbank**

The Foodbank needs tinned tomatoes, simple pasta sauces, UHT Milk, long life juice, tuna, coffee, tinned veg (new potatoes, sweetcorn, etc.), and tinned meat. Tea, sugar, pasta, cereal, porridge, lentils, and baked beans are also welcome donations. Thank you for your continued support. Please pray for the work of the Foodbank.

## **Floodlighting**

The floodlighting of the church in the month of January is generously sponsored by Fidelma Ormiston in loving memory of Michael Ormiston RIP. *If you would like to sponsor the floodlighting, we suggest a donation of £30 for a month.*



## Church Office Email

We are currently experiencing difficulty with our internet connection and are in the process of changing our Internet Service Provider. This may take 10-12 working days. Please e-mail Fr Anthony directly with any enquiries (fr.anthony@stmargaret.org.uk). Many apologies in the meantime for any inconvenience caused.

### CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

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| <b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>           | 0730 Morning Prayer  |
| <b>THE EPIPHANY</b>                            | 0800 Holy Communion (Common Worship Order 2/BCP)                           |
| <i>transferred from 6<sup>th</sup> January</i> | 0915 Choir Practice  |
|  | 1000 Parish Eucharist  |
|  | 1700 Evening Prayer  |
| <b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup></b>                   | 0830 Morning Prayer  |
| <b>THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST</b>                   | 1800 Evening Prayer  |
| <b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>                  | 0830 Morning Prayer  |
|  | 1000 Eucharist   |
|  | 1030 'Singing Kettle' - coffee, cake and chat <i>St Margaret's Cottage</i> |
|  | (1115 Communion Service at Blind Veterans UK)                              |
|  | 1800 Evening Prayer  |
| <b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>               | 0830 Morning Prayer  |
|  | 0900 School Service  |
|  | (1430 Communion Service at Rottingdean Nursing Home)                       |
|  | 1800 Evening Prayer  |
|  | 1830 Eucharist & Bible Study/Discussion on the Gospel                      |
|  | 1930 Knit & Natter <i>St Margaret's Cottage</i>                            |
| <b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b>                | 0830 Morning Prayer  |
|  | 1000 Eucharist   |
|  | 1800 Evening Prayer  |
| <b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup></b>                  | <i>No public services today</i>  |
| <b>St Aelred of Hexham</b>                     |  |
| <b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup></b>                | 1000 Morning Prayer  |
| <b>St Hilary of Poitiers</b>                   | 1700 Evening Prayer  |
| <b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>                  | 0730 Morning Prayer  |
| <b>EPIPHANY 2</b>                              | 0800 Holy Communion (Common Worship Order 2/BCP)                           |
|  | 0915 Choir Practice  |
|  | 1000 Parish Eucharist & Children's Church                                  |
|  | (1200 Communion Service at Gate Cottage)                                   |
|  | 1700 Evening Prayer  |

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 1800**

**'Tell Me The Truth About Love'**

A reflection on Affairs of the Heart

through Musical Musings and Words of Wisdom as Valentine's Day approaches

*Performed by our friends from London's West End*

*Tickets will be on sale from 15<sup>th</sup> January at madwaxcandles and in church on Sundays*

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March (Good Friday) at 1800**

**Pergolesi Stabat Mater**